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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1920

TOWN CLERK:

JESSE ALLEN	Term expires 1921

SELECTMEN:

JOHN P. DAY	Term expires 1922
SYLVESTER R. DEAN	Term expires 1921
EDMUND CODY	Term expires 1923

ASSESSORS:

JOHN MORAN	Term expires 1921
ALDEN E. BACON	Term expires 1922
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN	Term expires 1923

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN	Term expires 1921
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE	Term expires 1922
MORTON F. LINCOLN	Term expires 1923

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

J. NELSON BALL	Term expires 1922
JESSE ALLEN	Term expires 1921
MRS. MINNIE M. DAY	Term expires 1923

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL	Term expires 1921
JESSE ALLEN	Term expires 1922
SARA E. BUTLER	Term expires 1923

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

JOHN W. DWELLY	Term expires 1921
JESSE ALLEN	Term expires 1922
JAMES P. FAIRBANK	Term expires 1923

COLLECTOR:

GEORGE H. MORSE

TREASURER:

JOHN W. DWELLY

TREE WARDEN

EDWIN GREEN

AUDITOR:

JOHN ROBINSON

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS:

C. R. KNIGHT

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

GEORGE H. MORSE

MEASURERS OF LUMBER:

O. D. WEBBER W. R. DEAN
W. A. WOODIS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK:

GEORGE S. BUTLER APPLETON NEWTON
SYLVESTER R. DEAN

FENCE VIEWERS:

JESSE ALLEN W. W. GRIMES
C. H. TROWBRIDGE

CONSTABLES:

W. C. AYRES, Chief. G. H. MORSE, A. E. BACON
F. H. PARMENTER C. B. DANIELS
H. W. BARTLETT

FIELD DRIVERS:

JOHN ROBINSON EDWIN GREEN
WILLIAM A. NYE

TOWN AGENT:

FRANK S. CONANT

CATTLE INSPECTOR:

HENRY W. STONE

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

JAMES R. CHILDS

UNDERTAKER:

JAMES P. FAIRBANK

FOREST FIRE WARDEN:

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Oakham, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the seventh day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Assessor for one year, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, three Fence Viewers, six Constables, shall licenses be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this town, all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 10th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of moneys as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from date of note therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 11th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Article 12th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Article 14th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to light the street lights for the ensuing year.

Article 15th. To see if the town will vote to insure their employes, and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will choose a committee to investigate the probability of securing electric lights for the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new heating plant for the Memorial Hall, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up three attested copies in public places in said town seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this tenth day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.

JOHN P. DAY,
SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
EDMUND CODY,
Selectmen of Oakham.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births, Marriages and Deaths in Oakham in 1920

BIRTHS.

Jan.	24.	Son to Frank and Josephine Luper.
Apr.	1.	Son to Henry W. and Ellen Stone.
Apr.	22.	Son to George and Marjorie Lackey.
June	28.	Son to Victor and Josy Smichinski.
July	8.	Daughter to Samuel and Eva Bruno.
July	17.	Son to Joseph and Louise Sysik.
Aug.	20.	Daughter to Leo and Florence Scott.
Aug.	28.	Son to Thomas and Elizabeth Corner.
Sept.	9.	Daughter to Henry and Evelyn Grimes.
Oct.	31.	Son to Percy and Lila Wilbur.
Nov.	23.	Twin daughters to Fabius and Rhoda Beckwith.

MARRIAGES.

Apr.	27.	Rossi Sante to Alexina Labonte.
June	7.	Ludwick Szezuka to Stella Yalinska.
June	9.	Earle C. Parker to Eleanor G. Gardner.
July	30.	Monta C. Smitson to Emma C. Laison.
Aug.	2.	Albert F. Leary to Mary A. Scott.
Aug.	2.	John P. O'Donnell to Mary C. Myers.

DEATHS.

			Y.	M.	D.
Feb.	20.	Clarence H. Parker	70	3	21
Feb.	24.	Georgianna S. Green	61	6	19

			Y.	M.	D.
Mar.	9.	Rogene F. Parker	66	6	8
Mar.	19.	Margaret P. Sullivan	—	4	—
Mar.	24.	Edna J. Bacon	40	8	16
Apr.	23.	Lyman S. Green	78	7	23
May	21.	Francine R. Needham	72	7	9
June	28.	Unnamed Smichinski	—	—	—
Aug.	28.	Emily R. Dean	72	9	9
Dec.	6.	James Derby	25	5	9

BURIED IN TOWN

Jan.	26.	Lavandar S. Clifford	18	—	—
Jan.	30.	N. Wendell Packard	65	2	—
Apr.	3.	Jone E. Holden	80	3	7
June	2.	Henry C. Hobes	61	5	19
Sept.	11.	M. Elizabeth Allen	72	6	28
Nov.	21.	Helen F. Russell	72	3	12
Dec.	15.	Mary N. Nichols	79	5	25

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr.

Jan. 1, to cash on hand,		$1030 02
Received of George H. Morse, taxes, 1918,	$ 261 88	
George H. Morse, taxes, 1919,	2088 06	
George H. Morse, taxes, 1920,	9685 13	
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax,	51 40	
State of Massachusetts National Bank tax	61 51	
State of Massachusetts tuition of children	151 25	
State of Massachusetts inspection of animals	24 50	
State of Massachusetts State Aid	216 00	
State of Massachusetts, income tax, 1917,	11 25	
State of Massachusetts, income tax, 1918,	13 50	
State of Massachusetts, income tax, 1919,	270 00	
State of Massachusetts, income tax,	225 00	
State of Massachusetts, income tax, general fund	180 00	
State of Massachusetts, income tax, school fund	340 00	

State of Massachusetts school fund,	1831 50	
State of Massachusetts High School tuition,	1046 25	
State of Massachusetts Transportation to High School	590 63	
Worcester Bank & Trust Co.	5800 00	
Cemetery Committee,	93 75	
Perpetual care funds,	85 25	
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	4 76	
Rent of hall,	49 50	
Received of Highway Commission,	2274 13	
State of Massachusetts for School Superintendent,	187 50	
Temporary Aid,	25 00	
Butchers' license,	1 00	
F. E. Davis, cards and fines,	13 74	
Sale of books,	7 00	
Town of Rutland, tuition,	24 00	
Grass on library lot,	2 00	
Dog fund,	155 83	
George N. Briggs, cemetery fund,	100 00	
M. J. Clark, cemetery fund,	100 00	
Frank A. Smith & Son, rebate, of insurance,	13 99	
Interest	20 75	
Wright Memorial fund, 1919-1920,	50 65	
		$27,086 63

Cr.

By paying Selectmen's orders,	$26,130 03	
Trust Funds deposited,	200 00	
		$26,330 03
Balance in Treasury,		$756 60

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Deposited in the Worcester County Institution for Savings:	
George H. Gould	$100 00
Daniel H. Dean	100 00
George M. Ross	100 00
George N. Briggs	100 00
Mary J. Clark	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard	150 00
A. J. Holden	50 00
Lyman S. Walker	100 00
William A. Fobes	100 00
Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg	100 00
Henry A. Morse	100 00
William L. Haskell	100 00
Henry P. Wright	100 00
Laura G. Burt	100 00
Anna D. Adams	25 00
Hall and Nourse	100 00
In the Mechanics Savings Bank:	
Stephen Lincoln	150 00
Charles A. Fobes	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell	100 00

Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley		25 00
Mary E. Brown		50 00
Martha Macullar		100 00
Fannie W. Kimball		50 00
Sumner Reed		100 00
Weeks and Elliott		100 00
In the Five Cents Savings Bank:		
Ruth H. Robinson		50 00
Jesse Allen		100 00
Lewis Allen		100 00
A. L. Nickerson		100 00
A. C. Morse		50 00

Alfred Parks Wright Memorial

Fund		$500 00
Interest	$28 50	
Paid for magazine subscriptions	26 40	2 10

Mary Lincoln Aldin Memorial

Fund		$5000 00
Income	$905 00	
Expended	254 50	650 50

Fobes Memorial

Fund	$2000 00
Interest	423 39
Clark Legacy and Interest	978 15

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. DWELLY,

Treasurer.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1920.

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

Paid Jesse Allen		$80 00

Treasurer

Paid John Dwelly	$50 00	
Postage	10 24	
		60 24

Tax Collector

Paid George H. Morse	$85 00	
Postage supplies	19 75	
		104 75

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	$50 00	
Sylvester R. Dean	40 00	
Edmund Cody	40 00	
Postage and Tel.	2 50	
		132 50

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

Assessors

Paid W. H. Parkman	$103 00	
John Moran	98 00	
A. E. Bacon	49 00	
		250 00

Auditor

Paid John Robinson	50 00

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid F. E. Davis	$12 50	
C. H. Trowbridge	4 50	
Donald Rutherford	4 50	
Ira Stone	3 00	
George H. Morse	4 50	
Stephen Wood	8 00	
T. C. Baxter	3 00	
Mrs. H. B. Parker	5 00	
Mrs. W. R. Dean	5 00	
		50 00

Registrars of Voters

Paid Jesse Allen	$10 00	
John P. Day	10 00	
Edmund Cody	8 00	
S. R. Dean	8 00	
		36 00

Moderator

Paid W. C. Ayres	6 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid George H. Morse		15 00

Dog Officer

Paid George H. Morse		25 00

Overseers of Poor

Paid Support of Poor		522 27

School Committee

Paid for Supplies of Schools		6677 79

Superintendent of Streets

Paid for Highways		4045 17

Library

Paid for Support of Library		517 45

Care of Street Lights

Paid Oliver Wilkins	$120 00	
W. A. Nye	120 00	
C. H. Parker & Son	246 08	
Repairs and Express	2 75	
		488 83

Cemetery Committee

Paid for Support of Cemeteries		297 15

State Aid

Paid H. M. Green	$72 00	
S. Amanda Reed	72 00	
Emma Blodget	72 00	
		216 00

Bonds for Town Officers

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.—		
Collector's Bond	$30 00	
Treasurer	12 00	
		42 00

State and County Tax

Paid County Tax	$ 542 00	
State Tax	1260 00	
State Highway Tax	139 60	
Soldiers' Exemption	4 47	
Civilians' War Tax	459 00	
		2405 07

Worcester Bank & Trust Co.

Paid for Note	$5800 00	
Paid Interest	175 88	
		5975 88

Opening Roads

Paid for Opening Roads	3135 42

Insurance of Employes

Paid Frank A. Smith & Son	59 65

Fire Dept.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge	14 58

Tree Warden

Paid Ed Green	$4 50	
Paid W. A. Nye	5 50	
		10 00

Police

Paid W. C. Ayres		10 00

Miscellaneous

Paid Mechanics' National Bank, Lock Box	$ 3	00
C. R. Knight, Repairing Bridge	45	62
E. Howard Clock Co., Repairs	9	00
T. Waddell, Certifying Note 9	4	00
J. P. Fairbanks, Return of Deaths	2	00
J. A. Potter, Express on Pump		79
J. P. Day, Labor	5	25
T. C. Baxter, Labor	1	50
Central Supply Co., Pump	12	81
F. S. Conant, Supplies	13	44
Ed Green, Bringing Dog	1	00
C. B. Daniels, Repairs	6	50
Narcus Bros., Book and Stamp	3	60
John Dwelly, Expenses to Worcester	5	00
James Dwinell, Dog Cases	11	70
H. W. Stone, Meat Inspection	118	50
H. W. Stone, Cattle Inspection	49	00
Hobbs & Warren, Supplies	7	42
G. S. Butler, Supplies		38
Worcester Abstract Co.	6	53
C. H. Parker & Son, Supplies	6	85
W. A. Woodis, Wood	40	00
F. E. Davis, Labor	6	25
F. E. Davis, Care of Clock	25	00
Frank A. Smith & Son, Insurance	93	25

Dr. E. S. Douglas, Reporting Births	2 75	
John L. Smith, Hapgood Cases	73 44	
Carter Ink Co., Ink	42	
Barre Gazette, Printing	228 28	
W. A. Nye, Care of Hall	120 00	
Total Payments,		$26,130 03

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1918	$243 77	
Interest	25 77	
		$269 52

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$261 88	
By abatement	7 64	
		$269 52

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1919	$2654 38	
Interest	82 49	
		$2736 87

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$2088 06	
By abatement	65 00	
		$2153 06
		$583 81

Dr.

To taxes committed to me in 1920.

State tax	$ 1260
Town tax	11,157
County tax	542

Special tax	59 40	
State highway tax	139 60	
Overlaying tax	429	
Omitted taxes	36 19	
Interest	44 68	
		$13,627 87

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$9685 13
	$3942 74

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. MORSE,
Collector.

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Receipts

Town appropriations,	$300 00	
Dog fund,	155 83	
Wright memorial fund,	26 40	
		$482 23

Expenditures

Paid William Nye, janitor,	$120 00	
William Nye, work and repairs,	8 85	
H. A. Crawford, lawn dressing,	9 83	
Gaylord Bros., supplies,	6 24	
George Butler, supplies,	1 96	
Haven, Carter Coal Co.,	114 78	
Charles Daniels, repairs,	75 00	
Postage and supplies,	4 72	
Robert Briggs, carrying books,	25 00	
Magazine subscriptions,	26 40	
R. H. Hunting, books,	45 77	
Frank Davis, librarian,	75 00	
C. H. Parker and Son,	2 40	
C. H. Trowbridge,	1 50	
		$517 45

During the past year, the wood work at the outside entrance has been revarnished and the entrance gates newly painted.

Respectfully submitted,

SARA E. BUTLER,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL,
JESSE ALLEN,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSOCIATION

For the Year ending December 31, 1920.

The annual report of the Association is hereby presented:

Receipts

Milk,	$3,006 15	
Eggs,	81 45	
Miscellaneous,	76 45	
Stock,	421 04	
Inmates' Board,	5,620 46	
Boarders,	869 70	
Annual Assessment,	828 35	
		$10,903 60

Expenditures

Carl M. Wheeler and wife, salary,	$1,100 01
Inside and outside labor,	950 98
Groceries,	1,584 94
Meats and provisions,	1,159 65
Grain,	1,200 88
Oil and gasoline,	148 30
Blacksmithing,	29 75
Drugs,	41 70
Tobacco,	205 37
Medical Attendance,	74 50
Supplies,	508 10

Miscellaneous,	658 77	
Stock,	208 00	
Coal,	538 47	
Fertilizer,	168 63	
Rent and interest,	663 31	
Telephone,	39 77	
Clothing, etc.,	283 44	
Hardware,	34 41	
Seed,	87 50	
Lime,	137 50	
Horse hire,	24 00	
Pasturage,	50 00	
Paid on auto truck,	750 00	
		$10,667 93
Balance in favor of Association,		$235 67

Cash received and due from towns of the Association for board of inmates:

Ashburnham,	$ 235 27	
Boylston,	550 88	
Brookfield,	586 23	
Charlton,	460 26	
Holden,	313 05	
Hardwick,	77 78	
Hubbardston,	7 06	
Leicester,	116 99	
Millbury,	1,302 97	
Princeton,	329 78	
Rutland,	235 27	
Westminster,	705 81	
		$5,620 46

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

Total number of weeks for inmates, 1251; boarders, 160. No inmates from Auburn, Holland, Oakham and Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN, President.

LOUIS M. HANFF, Secretary and Treasurer.

Charlton, Mass., January 1, 1921.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Assessment,	$ 13 80	
Mrs. P. F. Wilber,	270 01	
Mrs. Johnson,	163 88	
Mrs. Susan Parkman,	27 48	
Dr. Paul Abell,	4 50	
C. H. Trowbridge, (overseer),	18 00	
William H. Parkman, (overseer),	20 00	
Morton F. Lincoln, (overseer),	5 00	
		$522 67

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN.
CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE,
MORTON F. LINCOLN,
Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Cemetery Committee

Receipts

Town appropriation,	$100 00	
Perpetual care of lots,	85 25	
Individual care of lots,	93 75	
Uncollected dues,	24 00	
		$303 00

Expenses

Edwin Green, Superintendent	$175 30	
W. E. Morse,	69 00	
B. P. Woodis,	11 75	
W. H. Boyd,	16 00	
W. B. Green,	3 00	
George S. Butler,	3 45	
C. H. Parker & Son	9 00	
L. H. Maynard,	8 00	
J. P. Fairbank,	1 37	
F. S. Conant,	28	
		$297 15
Balance on Hand,		5 85

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
JOHN W. DWELLY,
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,
Cemetery Committee.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation for Home Use,	2,575
Loaned to Public Schools,	73

We are indebted for loans of books to the Worcester Public Library, and the Woman's Education Association.

The same useful collection of magazines has been ordered for the coming year.

Gifts have been received from G. M. Dean, C. M. Packard, B. P. Woodis, Mrs. Sarah Batchellor, H. B. Wright, Mrs. George Edson, Winthrop L. Parker, Stephen Haskell, Mrs. M. T. F. Rugg, and State Library Committee.

These books have been added during the year:

Over the Top.
The Touch of Abner.
The Black Drop.
The Great Hunger.
Curley of the Circle Bar.
Rosemary Greenaway.
Jarice Day, Young Homemaker.
Tales of Folks and Fairies.
The Water Babies.
Golden Hair and the Three Bears.
Tales from Hans Anderson.
Wee Ann.
A Little Freckled Person.
The Boys of Scrooby.

A Pilgrim Maid.
Colonial Stories.
Story of the Pilgrims.
A Little Maid of Provincetown.
A Little Maid of Massachusetts.
Soldier Rigdale.
Sergeant Ted Cole.
Paradise Bend.
The Storm Country Polly.
Old Granny Fox.
West Wind Drift.
His Opportunity.
Her Opportunity.
"Over There" Stories.
The Valley of Silent Men.
The Black Buccaneer.
The Dreadful River Cave.
A Poor Wise Man.
The Mysterious Rider.
Poor Man's Rock.
The "Portygee".
Mary Marie.
The Wilderness Mine.
Vive, La France.
Agatha's Aunt.
Whispers.

Making a total of 2,954 catalogued volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. DAVIS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONER

Opening Roads

Paid W. R. Dean,	$35	50
Raymond Alston,	2	00
Alfred Morse,	12	50
William Morse,	21	00
G. H. Morse,	6	00
N. A. Fisk,	60	00
John Thresher,	56	50
Ira Stone,	58	13
George Hallowell,	59	25
C. R. Knight,	23	00
George Briggs,	8	50
Fay Russell,	59	75
David Lebonte,	42	73
Henry Butler,	33	13
W. H. Parkman.	79	81
William Hallowell,	33	00
David Hallowell,	11	00
George S. Butler,	7	00
A. L. Newton,	59	00
Henry Crawford,	13	75
Fred Parkman,	44	63
Frank Parkman,	2	80
Philip Wareing,	39	50
Robert Briggs,	10	00

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

Albert Briggs,	10 00
Samuel Bruno,	3 50
Patsy Diphilippo,	1 00
Fred Ross,	8 00
B. S. Reed,	62 25
Louis Kitchen,	33 00
Frank Lupa,	46 75
Louis Stuko,	3 00
John O'Donnell,	97 54
Alfred Miska,	27 30
W. H. Boyd,	99 08
J. C. Woodis,	52 00
W. B. Green	33 50
Clarence Grimes,	34 00
George Grimes,	34 00
Evender Green,	5 00
W. H. Wilkins,	3 50
Walter Bruce,	6 00
Oscar Loring,	41 25
N. J. Green,	7 50
T. C. Gaffney,	92 37
Warren Adams,	17 00
John Bechan, Jr.,	21 00
John Bechan,	18 75
Ludwick Stuko,	10 50
Will Sney,	2 25
Victor Smachinsky,	6 50
Thomas Moran,	39 50
John Moran,	10 50
Joseph Exley,	24 00
Fred Exley,	68 25
John Exley,	37 00

C. F. Ross	10 00
J. F. Allen,	16 50
Justin Rawson,	136 87
James Scott,	104 00
Joseph Kinski,	38 00
William Gaffney,	177 12
A. B. Spooner,	12 00
Edwin Green,	31 50
Ed. Bullard,	54 00
William Mann,	17 25
Everett Mann,	7 50
Emil Arnold,	6 50
L. Colombe,	2 00
S. Lemeraux,	2 00
E. Robitay,	2 00
H. D. Bullard,	25 00
Sidney Dean,	6 75
Sidney Dean, Jr.,	4 03
John Wilder,	22 00
Charles Newcomb,	4 00
W. E. Swindell,	6 25
Fred Lapham,	5 00
Oliver Wilkins,	5 00
Jacob Mackie,	4 25
John Mackie,	2 50
W. A. Woodis,	5 50
Fred Hall,	5 00
Paul Needham,	1 50
Clifton Babcock,	5 00
Albert Hapgood,	3 25
Frank Stone,	47 00
Mason Dean,	45 50

John Robinson,	11 50	
Henry Newton,	8 50	
C. H. Trowbridge,	8 75	
Charles Williams,	1 50	
Elmer Willard,	36 00	
J. F. Gaffney,	71 00	
Norman Baxter,	1 05	
Charles Baxter,	5 60	
Thomas Baxter,	16 50	
J. C. Rutherford,	8 50	
Certon Butler,	5 50	
D. A. Rutherford,	66 05	
A. N. Dufault,	4 00	
John P. Day,	28 08	
John Dwelly,	7 75	
George Edson,	18 75	
H. W. Stone,	80 40	
Walter McClenathan,	21 00	
C. P. McClenathan,	5 00	
Justin Armstrong,	77 00	
M. F. Lincoln,	90 95	
William Beacham,	13 00	
		$3,135 42

Material

Paid Good Roads Machinery Co., (parts for scraper),	$ 25 57
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co., tools	15 25
W. H. Boyd, express,	1 03
Frank Loring, repairs,	15
D. Labonte, repairs on scraper,	2 00

George Butler, fork,	2 20	
C. R. Knight, repairs on tools,	14 33	
George Morse, repairs on tools,	1 75	
George Morse, gravel,	8 80	
M. F. Lincoln, gravel,	19 00	
Fred Parkman, gravel,	3 60	
E. V. Newton, gravel,	2 60	
George Briggs, gravel,	80	
W. Grimes, gravel,	1 40	
New England Metal Culvert Co.,	72 00	
		$170 48

Repairing Roads

Paid C. R. Knight,	$677 19
A. L. Newton,	649 00
W. H. Boyd,	393 00
James Woodis,	417 50
Frank Stone,	342 00
Frank Boyd,	187 50
William Beecham,	152 00
Anthony Beecham,	128 00
Thomas Baxter,	101 50
J. Rossi,	111 50
George Hallowell,	71 00
Arthur Dodge,	430 00
George Grimes,	110 00
Ed. Bullard,	20 00
Ira Stone,	10 00
William Gaffney,	6 00
Fred Parkman,	5 00
Walter Tucker,	30 50

Timothy O'Hearne,	24 00	
William Parkman,	2 50	
Lewis Green,	3 00	
Henry Stone,	2 00	
Thomas Moran,	1 50	
		$3,874 69
Materials,		170 48
Total for Roads,		$4,045 17

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. KNIGHT,
Road Commissioner.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Receipts

Town—Support of Schools,	$2,300 00
Town—School Superintendent,	200 00
Town—Medical inspection	20 00
State return—School Fund,	1,831 50
State return—High School tuition,	1,046 25
State return—School Superintendent,	187 50
State return—Education State children,	151 25
State return—High School transportation,	590 63
State return—Income Tax, for general school purposes,	340 00
Rutland—Tuition,	24 00
	$6,691 13

Expenses

School Committee

Paid Jesse Allen, services,	$15 00	
J. Nelson Ball, services,	6 00	
Mrs. Minnie M. Day, services,	20 00	
		$41 00

Superintendent's Salary and Expenses of Office

Paid James R. Childs, salary,	$400 00	
James R. Childs, traveling expenses,	36 87	

James R. Childs, expenses of office,	4 98	
		$441 85

Teachers

Paid Miss Florence Bothwell,	$737 60	
Miss Ethel M. Braman,	739 60	
Miss Ruth Butterfield,	716 00	
Miss Helena Rutherford,	336 00	
Mrs. Ruth Dwelley,	232 00	
		$2,763 20

Supplies

Paid James R. Childs,	$10 99	
World Book Co.	10 69	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	9 54	
Rand, McNally & Co.,	12 00	
J. F. Ryan,	5 26	
F. S. Conant,	3 80	
C. H. Parker,	40	
R. E. Butterfield,	1 75	
J. L. Hammett,	7 50	
George S. Butler,	8 05	
		$69 98

Books

Paid James R. Childs,	$ 5 15	
Barnes & Noble,	9 89	
Charles Scribner Sons,	7 82	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	14 71	
Ginn & Co.,	10 68	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	42 89	

American Book Co.,	18 53	
Milton Bradley,	3 56	
		$113 23

Care and Cleaning

Paid William Nye,	$149 00	
J. Nelson Ball,	28 50	
Grace O'Donnel,	10 50	
Helena Rutherford,	8 00	
		$196 00

Fuel

Paid Charles B. Daniels,	$ 48 00	
Frank H. Boyd,	99 00	
J. Nelson Ball,	5 00	
William Nye,	30 00	
		$182 00

Repairs

Paid Bert Reed,	$ 3 25	
F. D. Russel,	3 60	
W. R. Dean,	22 31	
C. H. Trowbridge,	1 50	
W. A. Nye,	3 00	
J. Nelson Ball,	50	
		$34 16

Promotion of Health

Paid Dr. E. S. Douglas,	$25 00

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

Grade Transportation

Paid Henry Crawford,	$405 60	
Morton Lincoln,	306 00	
Willaim Parkman,	112 80	
Mrs. Bert Reed,	174 00	
Mr. W. G. Mann,	16 00	
		$1,014 40

High School Transportation

Paid Mrs. C. C. Adams,	$60 00	
Miss Esther Briggs,	58 50	
Mr. W. J. Bruce,	58 50	
Mr. Albert Briggs,	39 00	
Mr. George S. Butler,	40 50	
Mr. C. S. Clifford,	18 00	
Mr. Edmond Cody,	40 50	
Mr. O. A. Carpenter,	58 50	
Mr. William Gaffney,	88 50	
Mr J. W. Knight,	54 00	
Mr. William Krafve,	18 00	
Mr. G. H. Morse,	51 00	
Mr. A. L. Newton,	58 50	
Mr J. C. Rutherford,	55 50	
		$699 00

High School Tuition

Paid Town of Barre,	$300 00	
Town of Hardwick,	375 00	
Town of North Brookfield,	100 00	
Town of Holden,	262 50	
City of Worcester,	37 50	
		$1,075 00

Miscellaneous

Paid John P. Day, sawing wood,	$5 00	
T. C. Baxter, helping saw wood,	1 75	
G. A. Briggs, helping saw wood,	1 00	
A. K. Reed, helping saw wood,	1 17	
William Nye, helping saw wood,	3 25	
J. Nelson Ball, shoveling snow and splitting kindling,	5 80	
Minnie M. Day, taking school census,	5 00	
		$22 97
Total expenditures,		$6,677 79
Receipts,		$6,691 13
Expenditures,		$6,677 79
Unexpended balance,		$ 13 34

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Oakham:

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1921.

This report is presented for your consideration, in accordance with custom. It is the third by the present superintendent and the twenty-first in the series since the formation of the present union. The school statistics following cover the school year ending in June 1920. The financial report is for the calendar year 1920.

Oakham is most fortunate in that her boys and girls may receive their elementary school education under the guidance of the same teachers who have served the town with earnestness and loyalty in the past. No one thing lowers the efficiency of schools more than the frequent change of teachers.

We have not as yet been troubled with the problems of a shortage of trained teachers and financial competition. But throughout the country these problems have been acute and there is no indication that the supply will meet the demand for some time to come. Those who have made a close study of the situation assure us that further increases in salaries are necessary, and that while there may be a readjustment in wages, teachers have always been so much underpaid as to require larger salaries now before anything like equality is established. Increased salaries alone will attract men and women of ability to the profession. In the other towns of this

union salaries have been increased in many instances over 50% this past year. The high standard maintained in our schools has been possible largely because we have had the same corps of exceptional teachers remain with us from year to year. We should, however, make provision for increasing their salaries to compare favorably with those it would be necssary to pay in case we were unfortunate enough to have to find new teachers.

The closing of the West school has been of marked benefit to the children and at a saving of expense to the town. The disadvantages of the small group more than offset the efforts and ability of the best teacher. The problem of suitable transportation, especially in New England, has been so difficult of solution, it has seemed better to continue the small rural school in many places. But wherever transportation facilities may be made safe and comfortable, the verdict of experience has been decidedly in favor of consolidation. A recent investigation covering more than fifty districts and fourteen thousand rural patrons brought the response that consolidation actually resulted in better attendance and practical elimination of tardiness. There was an increase in land values. Pupils remained longer in school and a larger percentage went on to high school. Just now a very interesting experiment is being tried in Windsor, Mass. This town is out in the Berkshires and has to face all the problems of transportation. A new community school house has been built this year, with rooms for manual training, domestic science, and community gatherings. About 70 pupils will attend. They will be brought in by auto bus and team from all parts

of the town. We in Oakham have much the same situation, and I believe the present arrangement will prove to be the most efficient and economical.

There have been practically no changes in text books though we have made a few additions to our equipment, and are gradually making exchanges of our old material for new. We hope that the cost of books may decline, for several changes should be made as soon as possible. The cost of supplies too has been almost prohibitive, and we have tried to keep this item of expense as low as possible. Much credit is due the teachers and pupils for their exercise of care and economy in the use of all school material. Evidence of this care is found in the fact that we make changes in text books because they are out-of-date rather than because they are worn out.

There have been several new educational laws recently enacted that are of interest to us.

1. Children between seven and fourteen years of age MUST ATTEND SCHOOL ALL THE TIME THE SCHOOLS ARE IN SESSION. A child may not leave school after he is fourteen unless he has completed the work in reading, writing and spelling required for the SIXTH grade.

2. Towns may be required to pay for the transportation of all pupils in the public schools who live more than two miles from the school they are entitled to attend.

3. The travel expenses of the superintendent and a new minimum salary of twenty-five hundred dollars after three years of service, are to be paid by the union, and two-thirds of the amount to be reimbursed by the state, instead of one-half as formerly. This makes the net

cost less to the town. The state requires more and more of the superintendent in the way of reports and statistical data, in professional standards, attendance at conferences and special meetings, in the effort to raise the standards all over the state and to equalize educational opportunity. Very generously therefore it meets the town more than half way in the matter of expense.

4. A recent law requires the teaching in all elementary and high schools of courses in American History and Civics, with special emphasis on training for citizenship.

5. Another recent law requires that special classes be formed for the instruction of children who are mentally retarded, and provides for the determination of the number of such children.

6. We have already seen the good effect of the legislation setting aside four million dollars from the Income Tax for the purpose of increasing teachers' salaries and so enabling towns of low valuation to compete with others in securing better teachers or retaining good ones. We will receive $600 from this source next year as a direct result of the increases voted our teachers this year.

The reports of the Music Supervisor and School Physician are presented for your consideration. We find that about 36% of our children have defective teeth. Many towns are establishing dental clinics and finding that the results have far more than justified the expense. I would like to see the same thing done in Oakham, either in combination with some other town or through the direction and aid of the Worcester County Farm Bureau.

We need very much to add to our equipment. A few

good pictures for the school room walls should be purchased. We need a desk for each room at the Center, and a book case or set of shelves in the Primary room to hold the special material used in the lower grades.

It is a pleasure to work with the Committee, the teachers and the pupils and I thank you for the many courtesies and the support I have received.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS.
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL STATISTICS 1919-1920

School	Teacher	Training	Total Mem.	Average Mem.	Average Atten.	Per cent Atten.
Grammar	Florence E. Bothwell	No. Brookfield High	30	29.1	25.4	87.3
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Northfield Seminary	26	21.6	19.2	88.9
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Worcester Normal	22	19.1	18.1	94.8
West	Helena K. Rutherford	No. Brookfield High	10	9.6	8.2	85.4
Music	Ruth B. Dwelly	Northampton				
			88	79.9	70.9	89.1

TOWN OF OAKHAM.

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM 1920

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Tot.
Boys		2	5	6	8	3	4	7	3	38
Girls	4	5	7	4	4	3	3	10	4	44
Totals	4	7	12	10	12	6	7	17	7	82

SCHOOL CENSUS APRIL 1, 1920

Children in Oakham	Boys	Girls	Tot.
Between 5 and 7 years of age	7	6	13
Between 7 and 14 years of age	32	32	64
Between 14 and 16 years of age	5	10	15
Totals	44	48	92

PROMOTION BY GRADES JUNE 1920

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Tot.
Promoted	3	11	9	10	4	5	15	7	6	70
Promoted on trial		3	2	3			4			12
Not promoted						1				1
Totals	6	13	9	13	4	6	19	7	6	83

ROLL OF HONOR

Neither absent nor tardy for one year, except as indicated.

Charles Baxter
Norman Baxter
Raymond Crawford
Dorothy Day (1)
Burton Mullen (1)

Neither absent nor tardy for two terms.

John Briggs
Roscoe Crawford

Neither absent nor tardy for one term, except as indicated:

William Miska (1)
Stephen Lincoln (1)
Sophie Lupa
Emily Waring
Antoinette Dufault (T)

AGE AND GRADING CHART SEPT. 1, 1920

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X
Age										
6		2								
6½		1								
7			1							
7½			5							
8		3	3	3						
8½			1	1						
9				3						
9½			3	2	3					
10					2	2				
10½					2					
11					2	1				
11½						1	2			
12					2		1	1		
12½								3		
13					1		1	2	1	
13½					1		1	5		
14								5	3	
14½							1	1	1	2
15								2	1	1
15½										1
16									1	
16½										1
17										1

The number of children represented by the figures in heavy type are considered as normal in age and grading. Those below are retarded or behind the normal, and those above are accelerated or ahead of the normal or average. Twenty-seven, or about 32% are above the average for their age and grade, and fifteen, or about 18% are below, but none are far enough below to come under the requirement referred to in the law for special classes for special cases of retardation.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Mr. J. R. Childs, Superintendent of Schools,
Dear Sir :

The course in music has been conducted along the same lines as formerly. My aim has been to teach the value and nature of musical appreciation and its application; to develop tone quality, and to teach the fundamental principles of note reading. Sight singing is a very important part of the course.

All children love to sing, and they sing naturally of happiness, joy and patriotism, so we count music one of the many things in modern education, which appeals to the child and serves to create higher ideals.

The first step in the childs musical education is to eradicate false tone estimate, to make its ear tone perfect through watching or imitating right tones. All children who are without serious physical defects can become

singers if patiently trained along these lines at an early age.

In all grades I find an eager interest in music, manifested in enthusiastic singing, largely inspired by the power of appreciating the best in music.

I have put especial emphasis on note reading both individually and as a class, so that in spite of too many grades working together, I feel that we shall complete a well defined course of study.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLEY,
Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

South Barre, Mass., Jan. 1, 1921.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

In reply to your request I submit my report as School Physician for the Town of Oakham.

	June 1920	Dec. 1920
Number of pupils examined	83	76
Number of pupils absent	5	7
Cases of defective teeth	29	28
Cases of excessive wax in ears	8	7
Cases of enlarged tonsils	4	5
Cases of adenoids	1	3
Number of notices sent home	40	37

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. DOUGLASS, M. D.

AUDITOR'S REPORT 1921

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Superintendent, Cemetery Committee, Tree and Fire Wardens, and Library Trustees, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Collector and found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ROBINSON,
Auditor.

LIST OF JURORS

Thomas C. Gaffney, Farmer.
Frank Boyd, Farmer.
Fred Parkman, Farmer.
Fay Russell, Carpenter.
Alden Bacon, Painter.
Walter B. Green, Painter.
Donald Rutherford, Farmer.

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